

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. *(Currently Amended)* A system ~~(1)~~ for preparing a consumable matter, comprising:

- an apparatus ~~(2)~~ for preparing the consumable matter, and
- a container ~~(3)~~ for containing a basis material for the consumable matter during storage,

characterized in that the container ~~(3)~~ comprises an identifier ~~(4)~~ provided with data ~~(A)~~, and the apparatus ~~(2)~~ comprises a reader ~~(14)~~ for reading the data ~~(A)~~ in said identifier ~~(4)~~, and a controller ~~(6)~~ for controlling a preparation process during operation of the apparatus ~~(2)~~ based on the data ~~(A)~~.

2. *(Currently Amended)* A system according to claim 1, wherein the system is a system ~~(1)~~ for preparing a beverage from a beverage base material ~~(5)~~, comprising:

- an apparatus ~~(2)~~ for preparing a beverage extract from a beverage base material ~~(5)~~ and a liquid, and
- a container ~~(3)~~ for containing the beverage base material ~~(5)~~ during storage, and wherein the container ~~(3)~~ comprises an identifier ~~(4)~~ provided with data ~~(A)~~, and the apparatus ~~(2)~~ comprises a reader ~~(14)~~ for reading the data ~~(A)~~ in said identifier ~~(4)~~ and a controller ~~(6)~~ for controlling a beverage brewing process in dependence on the data ~~(A)~~ during operation of the apparatus ~~(2)~~.

3. *(Currently Amended)* A system as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the data comprise information identifying the type of beverage base material present in the container ~~(3)~~.

4. *(Currently Amended)* A system as claimed in ~~claim 2 or 3~~ claim 2, characterized in that the data ~~(A)~~ comprise information identifying a storage life of the beverage base material ~~(5)~~.

5. *(Currently Amended)* A system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the identifier ~~(4)~~ comprises an identifier chosen from a group of radio frequency

transponders and bar codes, and the reader (14) comprises a reader chosen from a group of radio frequency readers and bar code readers.

6. *(Currently Amended)* A system as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that said controller (6) comprises a processing unit which comprises a plurality of pre-programmed brewing process parameters, from which a selection is made during operation in dependence on the data as read.

7. *(Currently Amended)* A system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the identifier (4) comprises an element (41) which is detachably connected to the container (3).

8. *(Currently Amended)* A system as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that said element (41) comprises one from among a group of tags comprising tags with dielectric values, tags with punched holes, and tags with resistance values, and the reader (14) comprises one of a group of readers comprising capacitor arrangements for receiving dielectric tags, optical and mechanical readers, and resistance measuring arrangements.

9. *(Currently Amended)* A container (3) for containing a beverage base material during storage, for use with the system according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said container (3) comprises an identifier (4) provided with data, said data being readable by a reader (14) in an apparatus (2) for preparing a beverage, the beverage brewing process being controlled in dependence on the data during operation of the apparatus.

10. *(Currently Amended)* An apparatus (2) for preparing a beverage extract from beverage base material and a liquid, for use with the system according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said apparatus (2) comprises a reader for reading data in an identifier (4) which is present in a container (3) for containing a beverage base material and a controller (6) for controlling the beverage brewing process in dependence on the data during operation of the apparatus (2).

11. *(Currently Amended)* An identifier ~~(4)~~ for use with the system according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said identifier ~~(4)~~ comprises a separate element ~~(42, 43, 44, 45, 46)~~ for inclusion in a container ~~(3)~~ for containing a basis material for the consumable matter during storage, which is provided with data which are readable by a reader ~~(14)~~ in an apparatus ~~(2)~~ for preparing a consumable matter, and a preparation process during operation of the apparatus ~~(2)~~ being controlled based on said data.

12. *(Currently Amended)* An identifier ~~(4)~~ for use with the system according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said identifier ~~(4)~~ comprises a separate element ~~(42, 43, 44, 45, 46)~~ for inclusion in a container ~~(3)~~ for containing a beverage base material during storage, which is provided with data which are readable by a reader ~~(14)~~ in an apparatus ~~(2)~~ for preparing a beverage, the beverage brewing process being controlled in dependence on said data during operation of the apparatus ~~(2)~~.